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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

August 24, 2004

## Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit, a small-scale beneficiation facility, the Praxis Metals Project, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV2004104 is:

Praxis Metals, LLC  
50 East Greg Street, Suite 100  
Sparks, NV 89431

The facility is located in Sparks, Nevada in the SE1/4 of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian. The facility is in an enclosed building near the intersection of Greg Street and East McCarran Blvd. The small-scale facility may obtain ore from the Recon Mine in northern Washoe County. Crushed ore will be obtained and transported to the Sparks facility where it will be processed via an in-tank leach procedure followed by solvent extraction. The precious metal will be recovered by resin column, which will be processed out of state. Following processing, the spent ore will be disposed of at an approved landfill. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated, and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events that exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit

their comments or requests no later than 5:00 pm on the 30th day following publication of this notice in the Reno Gazette Journal in Reno, Nevada to the:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
Capitol Complex  
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All comments or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.